

# THE WEEKLY MONTREAT MEMO

The Weekly e-Newsletter of Montreat Presbyterian Church, USA

January 28, 2020

**All Are Welcome!**



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**February 2, 10:00 A.M.**  
**Upper Anderson**

**Everyone is welcome! Please join us!**

## Our Calendar

<b>Wed., Jan. 29</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Feb. 2</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Feb. 2</b>	<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>"Sacred Time" Soup Lunch and Congregational Care Presentation</b> <i>Walkup Building</i>
<b>Sun., Feb. 2</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Feb. 2</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Children's Music</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>

<b>Sun., Feb. 2</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>First Sunday Hymn Sing</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Tue., Feb. 4</b>	<b>4:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Congregational Care Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Wed., Feb. 5</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Montreat Wednesday</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Thu., Feb. 6</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Evangelism &amp; Membership</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Thu., Feb. 6</b>	<b>5:15 P.M.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music Committee</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
<b>Sun., Feb. 9</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <i>Upper Anderson</i>
<b>Sun., Feb. 9</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <i>Swannanoa Room, Allen Bldg.</i>
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**Please share scheduling info with the office administrator  
at [office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org),**

and be sure to check availability of times, places, and people  
before scheduling events, meetings etc.

In order to streamline communication and avoid confusion,  
**any requests made to the MRA on behalf of church programs  
should come through the church office,**  
and we will direct them to the appropriate contacts at MRA.

## Montreat Wednesdays

**January 29:** Mary Miller Brueggemann's informative and entertaining two-part series on the Minor Prophets concludes this Wednesday with "Amos the Preacher."

### February

**February 5:** Eminent C.S. Lewis scholar **Don King** will lead a study of Lewis's *Mere Christianity*

**February 12 & 19:** **Sam Thielman** will present a two-part program, "Using the Language of Psalms in Crisis and Resistance Training."

**Montreat Wednesdays are held in the Allen Building (304 Lookout Road, Montreat), 5:00-6:00 P.M. All are welcome!**

## Lent

**Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the season of Lent, will be observed in a joint service in Upper Anderson with Black Mountain Presbyterian Church on **Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 P.M.**

### **Sacred Time: Journeying with People Facing Hard Times Walkup Bldg., Sunday, Feb. 2, 11:30 A.M.**

As siblings in Christ we are called to "bear one another's burdens." But sometimes that takes us into personally challenging situations as we walk with someone facing a crisis. We often feel inadequate and are not sure what might be helpful to do or to say.

On **Sunday, February 2**, the **Congregational Care Committee** will **present some reflections and resources** to help us as we think about journeying with neighbors, friends and loved ones who are facing hard times. Join us for a simple soup luncheon from **11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. in the Walkup Building. No registration required.** Through stories, conversation, presentations, scriptural illustrations, and shared resources, we hope to help our family of faith feel better-equipped to be present with and journey beside those who face difficult situations. (Snow/cancellation date: Feb. 9.)

*K.A.*

### **Instrumentalists Who Love to Play Music**



**Special MUSIC practice  
February 14, 2020  
9:00 A.M.**

## Allen Building/Swannanoa Room

Dear Musicians,

**I am hoping to gather some instrumentalists of Montreat Presbyterian Church to put together an ensemble** that might be able to play together sometime during our worship. I have some special music that can involve most any band instruments and/or orchestral instruments to play together. We may have a few people who play the same instrument, and that's OK too! The music is not very difficult, but would require about a high school level of playing, so that is what is requested.

I am reserving the morning of Friday, February 14 for us to get together in the Allen Building (Swannanoa Room). Yes, that is Valentine's Day, but since you probably LOVE music, it sounds appropriate.

Please let me know if you would like to be involved; if you can be there that morning; and what instrument(s) you can play. This will help for both music and room preparation. And please let me know if you have your own music stand and would be able to bring it for our practice.

Thank you, everyone!

*Vivian*

## Welcome New Members!

In worship on Sunday, Jan. 26, we were delighted to celebrate another wonderful group of new members! **Mari Gramling, Brad Hestir & Jean Norris, Jane Holt, Ron & Susan Maffett, Scott McCormick, and Charlotte Woods** have all joined or changed membership rolls at MPC and continue to be part of our mission and ministry. We'll feature more information on all of these outstanding members in next week's Memo.

## Children and Worship



We welcome all children at our worship service each Sunday morning. It is our hope that worship becomes an important part of their familiar experience, creating a home as part of their spirituality which may remain with them for the rest of their lives.

A rocking chair is provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Also a dedicated children's table has resources and special coloring opportunities for use during worship services. And a floor quilt is provided for them to spend time with a family member and enjoy quiet activities while remaining in worship.

Children are also welcome to attend a young children's nursery (infant - preschool age) that is provided in the Updike Center a short distance away.

Please see the Christian Education Committee for more information.



*V.H./CE Committee*

## Friends & Partners in Ministry



**“Souper” Bowl Sunday!**

**February 2, 2020**

**Souper Bowl Sunday** began as an invitation from a Presbyterian church's youth group to their congregation: for each person in worship on Super Bowl Sunday to place \$1 in a soup pot after the worship service, and that money would all be contributed to the local soup kitchen/food pantry. It has grown into a national phenomenon. **This Super Bowl Sunday, MPC will offer a similar invitation to worshipers: to contribute monetarily to keep the SVCM pantry stocked, and/or to donate cans of soup or chili.**

**Thank you for helping feed our neighbors!**

If you would like to help out SVCM with food, hygiene products, baby diapers and wipes, as well as space heaters, blankets and winter coats, please drop off times at 101 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Black Mountain between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., M-F. Monetary gifts can also be



mailed to PO Box 235, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

Please find the SVCM Tidings Newsletter [here](#).

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**Thirtieth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Prayer Breakfast  
Saturday, February 8, 2020, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00  
P.M.  
at Camp Dorothy Walls**



Visit the website [here](#) for more information.

## Upcoming Birthdays

**If the information in our files is incorrect, or if you would prefer not to be listed, or if someone's birthday is missing from our list, please accept our apology and notify us at [office@montreatchurch.org](mailto:office@montreatchurch.org) so we can make the correction. This listing is intended to be inclusive, not exclusive, and is not necessarily indicative of any particular church membership status. The list will appear weekly, and is intended to cover the next few weeks. Blessings to you on your birthday and always!**

**Jan. 29 Clare Frist**

**Feb. 10 John Rogers**

**Jan. 29 Fred Hale**

**Feb. 10 Laurence Pagan**

**Jan. 30 Bill Seaman**

**Feb. 13 Dave Barstow**

**Feb. 5 Toby Savage**

**Feb. 15 Jan McRae**

**Feb. 8 Perry Alexander**

**Feb. 18 Lucille Jackson**

**Feb. 9 Bill Hollins**

**Feb. 18 Jane Sewell**

*Congregational Care Committee*

## Our Church Family Prayer List

***The Montreat Presbyterian Church family is in prayer for...***

Kat Achtemeier, recovering from foot surgery

Evelyn Bannerman

Glenn Bannerman

Sally Baisley (Christina Tutterow's mom)  
Ken Boyer  
Sylvia Boyer  
Connie Bristow (friend of Genie Sullivan)  
Jey Deifell  
David Duncan, continuing severe back pain  
Jane Frist  
Steve Hansel  
Bob Hare  
Dick Keefer  
Margaret Linton  
Scotty MacAliley  
Bev MacSherry, cancer  
Betsy Neville  
Gordon Neville  
Margaret Rada  
Ellen Ramsey  
George Ramsey  
Bob Schoenhals (Keith Grogg's uncle), cancer  
Linda Shortridge  
Arline Taylor  
Maggie Tuggle  
Lamar Williamson

***We also lift up in prayer...***

Neighbors vulnerable to poverty, hunger and cold weather  
All who are affected, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus  
Victims of domestic violence  
Those who are in grief  
All victims of war and destruction  
Parents and children separated from each other  
Refugees fleeing war, famine and gangs

Clara Hare-Grogg, our Young Adult Volunteer in the Philippines  
(See the link to Clara's blog in "Contact Information," below)  
Elmarie & Scott Parker, our Mission Co-workers in the Middle East  
Victor and Sara Makari, our Mission Co-workers in Palestine  
Ardrishaig Parish Church, our eco-partner church in Scotland

Black Mountain Counseling Center  
Bounty & Soul  
Children & Friends  
Rev. Deanna Hollas, PC(USA) Gun Violence Minister  
Kairos Prison Ministry  
OFCB ministries and the people of Haiti

*If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the church office. Please also let us know when it is appropriate to remove the name from the prayer list.*

## PWNC Newsletter

Find the latest news from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina [here](#).

## The Carpenters

**Fred Hale, Steve Hansel, Gill Campbell, John Hinkle, Eric Nichols, Bill Roberts and Mark Achtemeier** are ready to assist anyone who needs a helping hand with the little household things like: change a light bulb, retrieve items from a hard-to-reach closet shelf, change the batteries in a smoke detector, move furniture and the like. You may contact these gentlemen individually or reach out to **Kat Achtemeier at 563.580.6489.**

## Montreat Presbyterian Church

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### OUR MISSION

*In the fellowship of Jesus Christ we  
Listen for the word of God in our lives  
Love with open hearts and open minds  
Walk the path of faith together  
Serve others and  
Welcome all.*

### OUR VISION

*Led by the Holy Spirit  
We proclaim the word of God*



### **The Session**

Jane Alexander, Everett Culpepper (2020)  
Mason Blake, Beth Fountain (2021)  
Jim Henderson, Ann DuPre Rogers (2022)  
Moderator Keith Grogg (pastor)

### **Officers & Committee Chairs, 2020**

Jane Alexander, clerk  
Jim Henderson, assistant clerk  
Gill Campbell, treasurer  
Bill McCaskill, assistant treasurer

Mason Blake, Christian Education  
Beth Fountain, Congregational Care  
Hal Demarest, Earth Care Subcommittee  
Judy Shuford, Evangelism & Membership  
Grace Nichols, Fellowship  
Everett Culpepper, Finance & Property  
Eric Nichols, Mission & Outreach  
Ann DuPre Rogers, Personnel  
Linda Hobson, Worship & Music

### **Want to talk? Need a pastor? Come on in!**

Call the office at 664-9212,  
or email Keith at [pastor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org),  
and we'll find a time that works.  
Rev. Margaret Peery also provides pastoral care:  
[parishvisitor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:parishvisitor@montreatchurch.org)

## **Memo Submissions and Responses**

The Weekly Montreat Memo is sent from the Montreat Presbyterian Church office email account. **Responses intended for the pastor** may be sent to [pastor@montreatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@montreatchurch.org).

The Memo is usually published on Tuesday. **Please submit items for the Memo by the Friday morning** before the week in which they are to appear. Thank you! (Articles submitted may be edited for accuracy, clarity or brevity.)

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